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SUBJECT: PEREZ DENIAL OF CIA LINK RELEASED IN TRINIDAD

REF: GEORGETOWN 421

1. THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT BY VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ,
IN WHICH HE DENIED HAVING RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE CIA, WAS
ISSUED BY THE VENEZUELAN EMBASSY IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND
PROMINENTLY PUBLISHED ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE OF THE "TRINIDAD
GIARDIAN" ON FEBRUARY 28 WITH A PHOTO OF PEREZ. THE STATEMENT
IS APPARENTLY IDENTICAL TO THE ONE RELEASED IN GEORGETOWN (REFTEL).

2. IN A CLOUMM BY A "PUBLIC AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT" ENTITLED
"MONEY TO BURN AND TAKERS TO BURN IT" WHICH APPEARED
IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE PEREZ STATEMENT, THE "GUARDIAN"
SEVERELY CRITICIZED THE CIA FOR ITS ALLEGED PAYMENTS
TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENT LEADERS. THE COLUMM STATED "IT WILL
BE INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT SUGGESTIONS MR. CARTER'S
REVIEW COMES UP WITH TO KEEP THE CIA WITHIN BALANCE.
IT HAS PROVED UNCONTROLLABLE IN THE PAST, ACTING AT
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TIMES AS A LAW UNTO ITSELF. BUT EVEN SO, PRE-
SIDENTS FROM TRUMAN TO NIXON HAVE NOT PROVEN UNWILLING
TO MAKE USE OF IT FOR EXTRA LEGAL ENDS IF IT IS
TRUE THAT PEOPLE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF LEADERSHIP IN
FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE LIABLE TO BE IN THE SECRET PAY OF
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, IT MEANS THAT WHEN SUCH PEOPLE ARE
REALLY COZY WITH WASHINGTON, THEY CAN RECEIVE HEAVY

PERSONAL FINANCIAL FAVORS. WHEN THEY ARE FOUND TO BE
DIFFICULT, THEY CAN BE MURDERED..... THE POINT IS THAT
THE CIA HAS MONEY TO BURN AND PEOPLE CAN BE FOUND
TO SUCCUMB TO THE OFFER. IF SOMEONE IS GREEDY AND DOES
THIS, HE COMPROMISES AND TAINTS HIMSELF AS HAVE ALL
THOSE HONORABLE BUSINESS PEOPLE AND OFFICIALS WHO ACCEPTED
THE BRIBES OF THE CORRUPTING U.S. TRANSNATIONALS."
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